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A. Introductory Comments

Based on the amendments and remarks that follow, reconsideration of this application and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

This amendment is in response to the office action dated July 12, 2007. A request for a three month extension of time is included herewith. It is requested that Deposit Account No. 502158 be charged for any fee required for entry of this amendment.

When filed, this patent application contained 4 independent claims and 26 total claims. In response to a restriction requirement from USPTO, claims 13-23 had been withdrawn from the patent application. After this amendment, this application contains 3 independent claims and 11 total claims. Accordingly, it is believed that no additional claim fee is due.

In this office action, claims 1-12 and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gilboa et al (hereinafter Gilboa) (US2004/0148586A1). Further, in claim 1, the phrase "flowchart like manner" was said to render the claim indefinite under 35 USC 112 because the claim included elements not actually disclosed. In addition, the specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter recited in claims 24-26.

In response to the objections and rejections cited above, the specification has been amended. Claims 2 and 6-10 have been cancelled without any prejudice or disclaimer. Further, claims 1, 3-5, 11-12 and 24-26 have been amended and claims 27-28 have been newly added.